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Plum Vicious, from Minden, performed during the Viva Burlesque Ball at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on Friday, Aug. 26. The ball was part of Minden Pride week celebrations and was a sold-out, night-long event. See more Pride event photos on page 10. **VIVIAN COLLINGS** Staff

County council speaks up against hot tub regulations

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Put simply, rules for higher-traffic hot tub use shouldn't have the same bearing on such amenities at the smaller resorts.

And Haliburton County resolved during its regular public meeting Aug. 24 to speak up

for the smaller-scale tourism operators under the umbrella of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

A number of cottage country small resort operators have had to drain their hot tubs because of non-compliance with provincial health codes. Those regulations stipulate such things as safety equipment against

drowning, a landline telephone, and shower facilities be at hand.

Those stipulations are also demanded of the larger hotel operations with heavily-used communal pools and hot tubs.

But here's the rub: Few people take a soak at the smaller resorts where hot tubs are typically limited to the people renting the specif-

ic cabin. Not like the throngs of people you'd find splashing about at a hotel with higher guest capacity.

"They're treating the large hotel hot tubs where multiple people are using them the same as a hot tub that may be, literally, just for one unit," said Councillor Andrea

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The shoreline preservation bylaw was passed by Haliburton County Council on Wednesday, Aug. 24. The bylaw will regulate removal of vegetation, dumping of fill, removal of topsoil, and alterations of the grade of land 20 metres from the high-water mark on shoreline properties. /FILE

Shoreline preservation bylaw in effect starting April 1

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The shoreline preservation bylaw was passed during Haliburton County's regular council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 24 after many questions were raised to director of planning Steve Stone.

The bylaw will come into effect on Apr. 1, 2023, and will “prohibit or regulate the destruction of injuring of trees and native vegetation and to prohibit or regulate the placing or dumping of fill, the removal of topsoil, the alteration of the grade of land on shoreline properties in the County of Haliburton.”

The applicable shoreline area is 20 metres from the high-water mark of lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

Council members who said yes to the bylaw were Warden Liz Danielsen, Deputy Warden Dave Burton, Mayor of Algonquin Highlands Carol Moffatt, Deputy Mayor of Highlands East Cecil Ryall, Deputy Mayor of Minden Hills Lisa Schell, and Mayor of Minden Hills Brent Devolin.

Those against passing the bylaw on Aug. 24 were Mayor of Dysart et al Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor of Dysart et al Patrick Kennedy.

"I totally think this is where we needed to get to today, a clean version, but I am in favour of pressing the pause button. That doesn't mean I'm not in favour of the bylaw, but I do think passing the bylaw today, putting a future date on it, is opening ourselves up for still some problems," Roberts said. "A new council will not start from square one. They are not starting from scratch. They are starting from what we've got today."

Danielsen disagreed and believed that if current council didn't pass the bylaw, all of their work on it could be discarded.

"I cannot, in all fairness, say we are pushing anything through. We've been working on this for five years. I believe it's our responsibility to make a decision one way or the other. I'm [worried that], if we do not pass it, it all comes to a halt ... you don't know that a new council is just going to move on with where we are. They might just want to start from scratch again, and to me in my mind, that's a waste of every bit of work that we've done," Danielsen said.

Moffatt said it is possible, although unusual, for the new slate of council to rescind a bylaw, so she was in favour of passing the bylaw to see the job completed as an outgoing mayor and councillor.

The County of Haliburton began the process of creating the shoreline preservation bylaw in 2017.

Their approved budget includes the hiring of one applica-

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— WARDEN LIZ DANIELSEN

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tions examiner and two compliance monitoring officials to process permit applications and carry out in-field evaluations.

Ryall raised a concern about the possibility of hiring being a challenge on a short timeline.

"I am always optimistic, but I know, even over the last six months, it's been challenging to hire people. Most shoreline activity begins after April 1st, and it would be if council does seek to implement this bylaw, we would try to hire the staff. Whether we can get a full compliment remains to be seen," said director of planning for the County of Haliburton Steve Stone.

Danielsen said the bylaw may need to move forward without a full team of staff.

“The bylaw compliance officer would serve as a plans examiner if we were finding it difficult to find the necessary staffing for that, so it wouldn’t be that we would be out of having a certain skill set, we would make sure that if we can only get one bylaw compliance officer, they would be trained and skilled in plans examination, for example,” Stone said.

The public will be expected to self-determine whether or not a permit is needed to carry out desired projects on their shoreline property.

The planning department will carry out an education program to inform property owners and contractors of the allowable shoreline preservation practices.

This will include manuals, pamphlets, presentations, information posted on the county website, and training.

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Signage rules and traffic study to be reviewed

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Roberts. “People go out their motel room door and there’s a personal hot tub.

“A lot of people, after a big hike or a big day snowmobiling or whatever, that’s part of the pleasure is to ... have your own personal hot tub right outside your door.”

Councillor Carol Moffatt said the inequitable application of the regulations is absolutely ridiculous. One Algonquin Highlands operator she’s spoken with told her it would cost upwards of \$80,000 to be in compliance with the rules. That’s a lot of money for the smaller-scale operators. “The timing is just awful,” said Warden Liz Danielsen.

The county will voice their concerns in a letter to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

“There should be a distinction between the hot tubs that are affected by the small motels and small tourist destination places than the major hotels,” said Roberts.

Peer review of traffic study expected

One county Public Works file that’s garnered Roberts’ interest was a traffic study and a speed limit review for Peninsula Road.

“I certainly know you’re being bombarded with files from the Dysart area,” said Roberts.

Robert Sutton, the county’s director of public works, said a preliminary review has been done of a traffic impact study. He said staff investigated whether or not there’s a need for a right turn taper on County Road 21.

After discussions with Dysart municipal staff, Stone said the county figured they could address anything to come out of the peer review as a condition of site plan control.

“We felt the consultant had addressed most of the concerns county staff had,” Stone said.

The peer review consultant results will be available to the county in about a month.

County signage rules to be reviewed

Councillor Patrick Kennedy, who is also Dysart’s Deputy Mayor, said he was recently contacted about the criteria for signage on county roads. A local businesses had recently opened in the municipality’s West Guilford area. The business owners erected a sign to advertise the establishment.

The sign was subsequently removed by county roads staff. “It’s been brought to my attention there’s a number of signs around the Haliburton village that are on county road allowances and they have not been disturbed,” Kennedy said. “I’m

just wondering what the criteria is.”

Sutton said the county sign bylaw is scheduled for review and there’s a moratorium on certain signage.

“It’s an important issue for a lot of businesses,” he said. “We respond on a complaint basis, typically, for signs or other matters.” Sutton said he’d investigate Kennedy’s specific example.

County van to go electric

The Haliburton County van is on its last legs, according to Sutton.

As part of plans for its fleet program, the county is looking at replacing the aged van with a plug-in electric vehicle.

“It is coming to the end of its life,” Sutton said. “It’s a challenge to get parts for that type of vehicle. ... We’re hoping to get it through to the end of the year.”

Given price factors and market conditions, all options are being considered.

“We are looking into different options and seeing what would be best for the county, both for the environment and for cost,” Sutton said.

Bylaw to be presented to municipalities following its passing

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“One of the things that I wanted to do, and I think it would be very important, is to actually have a more enhanced suite of tools on the county’s website that give very clear examples of how the exemption process works and really delineates between what the average project might be,” Stone said.

He said the education program would be developed over time.

“It would be a work in progress. That’s what we call program evaluation. As things come up that need to be further explained or further clarified, then those things on the website would evolve to address the community’s needs of understanding.”

Roberts sent an email to Stone the day before the regular council meeting to express concern that the bylaw would not be brought to each municipality before it was passed.

“[Dysart councillors are] the ones going to lake association meetings, they’re the ones who are getting asked this question by constituents as well as us county councillors because it does effect us all. I think there was a thought that, prior

to the passage of the bylaw, that the actual draft bylaw that we’re seeing today in a clean copy would be sort of vetted back to local municipalities,” Roberts said. “They feel the process that had been laid out back in 2019 is not necessarily being followed.”

Stone said if the rest of council wished for the bylaw to be brought to each township, then the planning department would be happy to do so.

Burton said, “Is there any reason why we cannot take it to the lower tier before it is passed as a clean document?”

Danielsen said councillors in each municipality should be following discussions about the shoreline preservation bylaw.

“It has gone back and forth, there have been a number of iterations of the bylaw, we have had public meetings, and opportunities for everyone to comment. I would think that it’s the responsibility of members of council of lower tiers to keep track of what we’re doing, to raise questions and concerns, to let our Mayors and Deputy Mayors know where they see pitfalls and problems and to have raised them already. To go back and try and tear the document apart again and then have to have another legal review again seems a rather extraordinary

path to take, but that’s only my thought,” Danielsen said.

Devolin and Schell said Minden Hills council has been kept informed and is in favour of passing the bylaw.

“We’re here as the representatives of our constituents,” Devolin said. “I would say that we have overwhelming support and are ready to move forward on that basis in Minden Hills.”

Stone said after the bylaw is passed, county staff would go to local councils to explain the bylaw and decide how they would like to delegate authority.

“I put in equal sides delegation because there is an expectation that staff will go to local councils to sort of explain the bylaw in detail for their understanding, and then from there, they will be asked whether or not, in accordance with the municipal act, whether they want to delegate their authority to enforce the bylaw back to the county. So, that will happen in due process if council does approve the bylaw today, and then we’ll go out to the four townships in that regard.”

The bylaw will be reviewed by county staff on an “ongoing and periodic basis.”

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Lake expert seeking Highlands support to improve environment

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Putting action to words is what Dr. Norman Yan of ASH Muskoka does and hopes he can inspire others to follow the model he has been leading a region over.

Yan, who is a leading expert on lake health in Canada, spoke to a packed audience about how taking wood ash can replenish calcium levels in the soil and the water at the 12th annual Lake Stewards Meeting on Saturday, May 14 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton.

Organized by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA), the event enabled Yan an opportunity to give his presentation, Ash Muskoka “ecological osteoporosis,” the loss of calcium from watersheds.

From the website of ASH Muskoka, we will deeply explore this idea that wood ash can safely be used to restore the well-documented damage to forests and lakes caused by widespread calcium (Ca) decline in Muskoka.

“Our goal is to identify, develop and foster solutions to monitor watershed stressors,” Yan said. “I come to believe that it takes only knowledge of what to do in the world to fix anything as long as our democracy is functioning and the core values that underpin the generation of that knowledge are humility and hope.”

ASH Muskoka is an effort being led by the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed.

Two years of work has established HATSEO – Hauling Ash To Solve Ecological

Osteoporosis. It’s a successful demonstration that wood ash recovered from residential wood stoves in Muskoka is both chemically safe and biologically appropriate for use in replenishing calcium levels in soil and water as stated on the ASH Muskoka website.

Yan is an authority on lake health, being only one of four Canadians to have received both the K. Patalas Award for research excellence in applied limnology, or the study of lakes, and the F.H. Rigler Memorial Award limnological research from the Society of Canadian Limnology. He also co-authored more than 200 publications on Canadian Lakes.

He invited up to six people from the audience to be part of the implementation in the Highlands. Yan said volunteers are the backbone and have been integral to the battle against the invasive species regarding snail removal in Haliburton County, and said in Muskoka, there have been more than 1,200 volunteers collecting ash.

“I’m just such a fan of that. If you can find the right thing that the public cares about to help fix a problem and learn at the same time generating knowledge and will. The knowledge of what to do and the will to do it then you’re halfway there to solving a problem,” he said.

He noted how every creature and plant need calcium.

A question was raised about if calcium levels are falling in the environment, is it a problem? It led to recognizing that calcium’s reduction needs to be addressed. There are three sources for calcium: the air in the form of rain or dust; soil or bedrock; downstream.

A question comes up regarding the watersheds and if they are suffering from osteopo-

rosis, but what about wildlife. Such animals that require calcium to be healthy include what you would expect such as ones with shells. And, yet, there are fish such as the bass, which have more calcium than humans. They not only have it in their teeth and bones, but also their scales. From a 2019 report on Haliburton lakes, he said there were about 15 per cent of the lakes with less than two milligrams per litre of calcium, which leaves crayfish at risk and are dying. He said lakes used to be at three milligrams per litre and mystery snails thrive on five milligrams, so the goal is to raise calcium levels, but short of five.

Data collected during four decades evaluating calcium levels in lakes in the Dorset region showed a 35 per cent decline in calcium levels.

“I mean, this is a remarkably rapid change, and something that would have been unique in the post glacial history of these lakes. This would not have happened in any other time in the last 10,000 years,” he said. “But the absolute level of calcium today is more important than the trend. A 30 per cent decline, if you started with a 50 milligrams per litre to 40 milligrams per litre won’t hurt anything, but if you started at two and go down to one and half that starts to hurt things.”

He said if the lakes are low in calcium, then the land is also going to be low in calcium, so he’s taken his lifetime of efforts from the lake to inland. Eighty-five per cent of the land in Muskoka and Haliburton County is forested.

“Just like there are differences between animals there are dramatic differences in the calcium requirements between animals there are dramatic differences in the calcium re-

quirements between plants,” he said.

Information from the Haliburton Forest showed maple trees have three times the level of calcium percentage in its wood compared to birch and coniferous while the bark in the maple had 1.3 per cent compared to the bark of the birch, which had 0.1 and coniferous only 0.2. The leaves for maple and birch were equal at 0.8 while the coniferous was half that.

Yan said that calcium in plants like animals binds cells together and “has a support function in acids, nerves and muscles, in plants, its signalling and wound repair and stomata functioning and all kinds of important mechanisms.”

A Trent University paper published this year, Yan said, features a model about what has happened to calcium levels in the soil for a stand of maple trees at the Haliburton Forest since 1850. He said, showing a graph, that there was a half a ton of calcium per hectare lost in the last 150 years.




“So, this is bloody serious,” he said. “When the soil starts to lose an essential nutrients.”

For the first time since making the discovery about the importance of not just calcium levels, but also the levels of magnesium, potassium and the sodium. “The big story for us has been the calcium decline, but if you look at the width of the other three bars, they are also declining,” he said, referring to the nutrients, particularly potassium and magnesium.

When it comes to why the calcium levels are declining he cited the analogy of a bank ATM.


“So, it’s how much money you have in the

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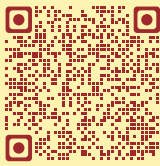
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bank as a function of deposits and withdrawals. So, the glaciers are like your grandparents who may have started your bank account with the first \$100. The glaciers contributed or might have removed the initial calcium and then the rock weathering will contribute to the bank, especially if it's limestone or dolomitic or calcium rich rock, but not so much if it's granite and then there are dust and precipitation inputs, which can occasionally be very substantial," he said.

He remembers how the alarm bells were rung for acid rain in the 1980s and how it led to the cleanup of the air, which has actually left the air with less calcium than before.

Continuing the ATM analogy, he said, the withdrawal is made through the growth of the trees in Muskoka and Haliburton County.

He said 80 per cent of the calcium in the watershed is in the trees.

Cut the trees and all that calcium is removed without any chance the trees will be able to grow back to the same height because there isn't calcium to support their growth.

"We need to think more like gardeners and less like miners, you know, when it comes to the health of our farms," he said.

The Friends, who is comprised of volunteers that include scientists, have adopted a four step approach to execute the vision.

One, tracking key watershed threats or problems such as the low calcium levels. Two, identify and implement a plan where needed in terms of gaps of work, specifically with how the government is not acting on the "legacy issue" of acid rain. Three, a belief that public can help solve the problem.

He said the Friends are about two and half years into the effort, which has included tracking, identifying, fundraising, and are just about to implement action based on the will of the public.

Yan said his presentation was as much about informing as it was to motivate the audience to join the cause he has been part of the past two years. He said this has led him to recognize the importance of environmental psychology and how it plays a role in how people view issues such as climate change and then are driven to help.

CHA chairperson Paul MacInnes said every year he attends a three-day scientific conference where there are numerous presentations regarding the health of lakes. He said at the end of those presentations he asks the scientists about how they intend to solve the presented problem.

"And most of them look like to me like a deer caught in headlights like they have no idea. That's not something they

do. Norm is a guy that sees a problem and says, let's go out and solve it. And that's what he's done," he said. "I mean if you think about the implications of this wood ash project, they're enormous potential climate change, reduce flooding, healthier trees."

For more information see ashmuskoka.ca.



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The new reality

THESE ARE interesting times. These are difficult times. A million dollars can't do what it could a couple years ago. And, with that new reality in mind, the councils to be decided by voting taxpayers in October are going to need to navigate a changed world.

I remember hearing a curse years ago. It was one of those ditties that sounded like a good wish to somebody. It goes, May you live in interesting times.

A pandemic is interesting. But it's brought tiresome hardship to a number of facets of daily life. To say nothing of the people who have been infected by the coronavirus. Or the family members left to deal with the ripples. The pandemic continues, even if it seems so many people live as though it's ended. Life will never be the same.

Supply issues and workforce shortages have been blamed on the pandemic. And the economic ill-effects have been wrought nationally, provincially, on down to the municipal level. Interesting, yeah? This time.

That was made clear during a request for proposals issued by Algonquin Highlands in July.

That Haliburton County township issued a request for proposals back in July. They were looking to improve its Maple Lake Waste Disposal Site. The scope of work included building a new operations centre at the site. The landfill's current layout is no longer able to handle traffic or material volumes. The next area for landfilling requires moving existing buildings and collection areas.

The township earmarked \$1-million for the project in its 2022 municipal budget. The lowest bid to the July RFP was \$245,000 more than what Algonquin Highlands thought to pay for it. More than a quarter more than the total estimate for the work. It was the lowest of three bids considered.

"The world is a crazy place in terms of supply and demand," Mayor Carol Moffatt said on Aug. 11.

Township staff were asked to work

with the contractor to try to come up with ways to shave the cost. Concessions reduced the price tag by \$74,000 and it will be budgeted over two years now.

Then, at an Aug. 18 council meeting, she said: "Prices are not the usual. We're not alone in the municipal sector in putting out RFPs and getting in prices that are higher than anticipated. That's not due to poor internal assessment. It's the way of the world out there."

"Prices are going through the roof in all kinds of things."

Economic fallout from the pandemic has even stuck a finger in the eye of household finances. Necessities like groceries, gasoline, offerings at the local LCBO have seen increased prices. Try getting a contractor to do some improvements at the old homestead.

I hired a crowd to pour a concrete walkway to the house with some rudimentary gutter work along the driveway as part of the project. They quoted a price in 2021 but couldn't get to the work that summer.

When they got to it early in 2022, the price had ballooned. The increase was attributed to a shortage caused by the pandemic of some materials necessary

for cement. Many projects globally had been shelved in early 2020 and that brought a downturn in the production and shipping of ingredients.

Of course, other people said raising prices was a means for some companies to recoup revenue they feel they lost in the first year of the pandemic.

That could be. If this is an interesting time, it's a cynical age as well.

And that's the way of the world now. It's obvious that making decisions on behalf of residents about which direction to steer a municipality has never been a cake-walk. Trying to stretch tax dollars is just as difficult as bringing ends together for a household. They're just on different scale.

Those elected Oct. 24 will face challenges that have been bloated, exaggerated by the pandemic-wrought new world.



JAMES MATTHEWS
LJI Reporter

Kwarky



"I had hoped chess club would be an escape from toxic masculinity."

Bless the lowly mosquito

ALTHOUGH MOST people do not think it, mosquitoes have their uses too. Call me a visionary, but I believe there will be a time when outdoors enthusiasts and rural property owners will learn to take more advantage of those uses.

For example, if I owned a nice chunk of property that I didn't want people trespassing on, I would no longer think of placing "No Trespassing" or "Private Property" signs around its perimeter. Too many people consider those things as merely suggestions.

No ma'am, if I wanted to stop people from trespassing, I'd have a big sign at the road going in that said, "Welcome to the New Anemia Mosquito Refuge: Come on in, see what all the buzz is about!" I would also have signs on the highway directing people to it.

And, at the entrance, I would have brochures for the taking that told how the mosquitoes on the property are a unique species that are known to grow to the size of hummingbirds.

There would also be a sign on the property, that says, "Camp sites available: Make us an offer."

But that is thinking big.

Mosquitoes have uses for the average outdoorsman and woman too. For instance, there is nothing better than adding the sentence, "The mosquitoes there are fierce," to any story where you accidentally mention the location of your favourite hunting or fishing spot or the place where you routinely find morels in the spring.

And if you want to keep people out of your duck blind on opening day, there is nothing better than a "Caution: mosquitoes!" sign posted on every approach to it.

The only way it can be made better, I suppose, is by scattering a few bleached bones along the way too.

I know what the fly anglers are thinking. Right now, you are probably saying that this is a little heavy-handed and over the top. After all, fly fishing is a sport of subtleties, polite regard, and understated elegance.

Well, the good news is subtle works here too. For instance, you don't have to mention mosquitoes to anyone when protecting your favourite trout stream. Instead, when some other fly angler asks to come along,

you just need to nod. Then, when they ask what flies fish best there, you show them a box made for just such an occasion – filled with dozens of fly patterns that all imitate mosquitoes. Also, if you spatter a little red paint on the inside of the fly box and say, "Oh my goodness, I guess I forgot to clean off the blood!" And then blame your forgetfulness on the transfusion you got immediately after

your last visit to the creek, you'll probably not have to worry about the company for a while.

For me, there are few deterrents shy of announcing that, "I like to fish in hip waders and nothing else," that work nearly so well.

And let's not forget, mosquitoes also provide a ready-made excuse for slapping someone who catches that big trout you have been trying to fool all season.

The point I am making here is that mosquitoes don't always have to be a negative thing. Sometimes, they can actually make time in the outdoors better, or at least more satisfying. And that takes a bit of the sting out of it.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Time for a different trip

THE WORLD is on the move again after two and a half years of COVID. I'm itching to do some travelling but can't decide where to go.

I've considered Tasmania to see the ancient Huon Pine trees, some of which were growing at the time of Julius Caesar.

I've also considered visiting Newfoundland's quaint coastal towns to see the icebergs moving down the coast. The province's television ads are spectacular.

And, it would be fun to visit Italy's Tuscany region to take in the beautiful scenery and sample the great Italian foods.

There are many choices, but I think I'll go to Missouri.

Missouri?

Missouri indeed. There's a neat little town in Missouri called Marshall, roughly 300 kilometres (180 miles) west of St. Louis. It is an unimportant place with a population of only 13,000, but it does have two things of special interest for me.

First, one of my grandsons is going to school there. He is in his first year of college, playing baseball

for the Missouri Valley College Vikings. (Vikings? In Missouri, the absolute heartland of the US?)

Secondly, Marshall is the home of Jim the Wonder Dog, whose bronze statue stands in the memorial park named after him a short walk from the college.

Jim the Wonder Dog was an English setter said to possess remarkable powers of prediction. He reportedly could predict the sex of unborn children and picked the winners of the Kentucky Derby seven years in a row. He also predicted the New York Yankee victory in the 1936 World Series.

In 1930, Van Arsdale wrote on pieces of paper the names of horses expected to run in the Kentucky Derby. He spread the papers in front of Jim, who sniffed them, then placed a paw on one. The piece Jim selected was sealed in an envelope and opened after the race was run.

Seven years in a row, the papers Jim selected bore the name of the winning horse.

Jim was born in 1925 of pureblood champion stock and was given as a gift to hunter Sam Van Arsdale. Jim was the runt of the litter and Van Arsdale's hunting friends bought him for less than one-half the price of his litter mates and gave Sam the dog as a joke.

Van Arsdale and Jim did a lot of hunting, with the hunter boasting he shot 5,000 birds over Jim, then stopped counting.

On one hunt, Van Arsdale said to Jim: "Let's go over and rest under that hickory tree." Jim immediately went to a hickory tree and sat.

Surprised, Van Arsdale then told Jim to go to a walnut tree, then a cedar, then a tin can lying on the ground. Jim went to each quickly and accurately.

Van Arsdale discovered that Jim could locate a car by colour, or licence number. He also could select people from a crowd after being told to find the man who sells hardware, or find the one who takes care of sick people.

Jim even followed commands given to him in foreign languages, Morse Code or shorthand.

News of Jim's unique talents spread, and he was invited to demonstrate them in other towns and other states. Magazines, including Outdoor Life, wrote articles about him.

Some folks suspected Jim was a scam so Van Arsdale brought him to Dr. A. J. Durant, a well-known veterinarian and head of the University of Missouri veterinary school.

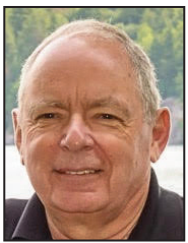
Jim was examined and other vets, two psychiatrists and vet students watched as the dog was given commands to locate or identify things. He passed the tests with flying colours.

Dr. Durant, who expected to uncover a scam, concluded that Jim "possessed an occult power that might never come again to a dog in many generations."

One day, in the spring of 1937, when Jim was 12, Van Arsdale took the dog out in a wooded area near a lake. Jim jumped out of the car, ran a short distance, then collapsed. Van Arsdale rushed him to an animal hospital where he died.

Jim's headstone is the most visited site in Marshall's Ridge Park Cemetery.

I think I'll pass on Tasmania's tall trees, and Tuscany's delicious foods, and head on down to Missouri.



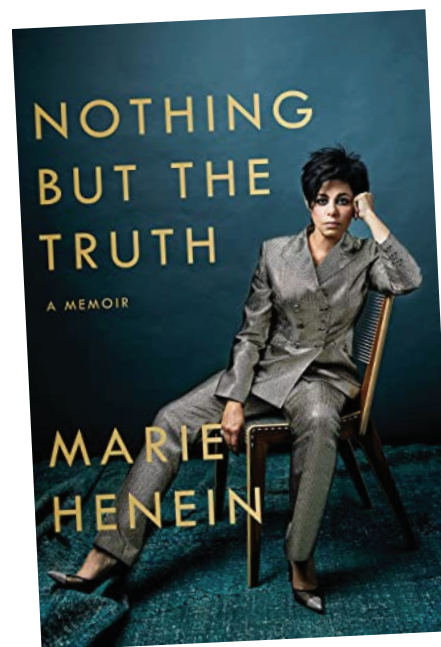
JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock



An eastern phoebe pauses for a moment./ KAREN LONDON Staff

HCPL's Book of the Month - September



Marie Henein, arguably the most sought-after lawyer in the country, has written a memoir that is at once raw, beautiful, and altogether unforgettable. Her story as an immigrant from a tight-knit Egyptian-Lebanese family demonstrates the value of strong role models – from her mother and grandmother, to her brilliant uncle Sami who died of AIDS. She learned the value of hard work, being true to herself and others, and boldly owning it all.

An unvarnished view on the ethical and practical implications of being a criminal lawyer, and how the job is misunderstood and even demonized. Henein unapologetically deconstructs, among other things, the "otherness" of the immigrant experience (Where are you really from?), the pros and cons of being a household name, opening her own boutique law firm, and the likes of Martha Stewart and her commoditization of previously unpaid female labour. This book is refreshingly unconstrained and surprising – a woman at the top of her game in a male-dominated world.



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The Studio Tour celebrates 35 years in Highlands

by **JERELYN CRADEN**
Special to the Times

The Studio Tour, Haliburton Highlands will be in full swing celebrating its 35th year over the first two weekends of October with must-see art made by 44 local artists, including ten guest artists, displayed and presented at 26 studios at the same number of locations, with a drive along picturesque country roads embraced by the magnificent colours of autumn, this is an experience not to be missed.

Peter and Joyce Emmink, co-directors of The Studio Tour are fused-glass artists whose studio, Ivy Cottage Fusion Arts, is located in Algonquin Highlands.

“We have 10 wonderful guest artists this year,” Peter Emmink said, “and one whose work is quite unique is felt artist, Chris Lizak.”

Joyce added, “And new to our full-member artist roster is metal sculptor Scott Childs. His work is very creative, and his studio (Z on the list) is definitely worth a visit.”

Peter adds, “Tiffany Howe will be back after a bit of a break from the tour.”

Howe is a multidisciplinary artist who creates mixed media paintings, sculptures, earrings and installation art using recycled materials, and found objects.

Pure eye-candy greets tour visitors with a wide range of different types of art – wood, textiles, metal, photography, painting, glass, pottery, and jewellery.

“Most of us do an educational piece or demonstration for visitors,” Joyce said. “One of our guest artists, Albert Cote, a fibre artist, is often sewing while he’s showing his



Jane Selbie's mixed media textile work, *Lady in Red*, was one of many pieces on showcase during the 34th annual The Studio Tour - Haliburton Highlands on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021. The Studio Tour is returning the first two weekends in October. / FILE

work.”

“Sylvia and Wayne Rose will often do a firing of raku pottery,” Peter said. “Joyce shows visitors the different stages of glass-work, before the kiln, after the kiln, and what molds look like.”

The Emminks weren’t always fused-glass artists.

“About 30 years ago, Pete and I were on the Studio Tour doing stained glass as well as sand-blasted etchings, and then we kind of morphed into this fused glass,” Joyce said. “The nice thing about it is, you can use every tiny scrap of glass, nothing goes to waste, nothing ends up in the landfill.”

The couple’s styles couldn’t be more different from each other, Peter said.

“She makes wonderful functional plates and bowls, lovely four-season garden lanterns. I do more of the artsy framed work pieces, everything from a head shot of a bobcat right down to a stream trickling through the woods in the winter,” he said.

Over a weekend, between 500 and 600 visitors come to the Emmink’s studio.

“Over a year,” they said, “we get about 1400 visitors.”

The Emminks are also looking forward to doing a Studio Tour beer this year, a cross-promotion, limited release with Haliburton

Highlands Brewing, located at Abbey Gardens. The Studio Tour Beer will be released in September.

For a fully enjoyable, educational, and artistically enriching experience, the Studio Tour brochure and map are available for viewing and downloading, as well as a list of all of this year’s valued Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands sponsors at: www.thestudiotour.ca.

In addition, 20,000 copies of The Studio Tour brochure will be available at various locations throughout the county.

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Haliburton Forest Trail Race participation soars

by JERELYN CRADEN
Special to the Times

The team at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is excited and for good reason. On Sept. 10 and 11, their highly popular, internationally recognized event – the Haliburton Forest Trail Race (HFTR) – enters into its 29th year with more racers than ever.

“We keep breaking our registration record,” Tegan Legge, race director said. “Last year was the first time we had sold out the race, with 500 runners. There are five different categories, so we had 100 people per category due to COVID rules, which only allowed 100 runners to start at a time. This year, we’ve opened it up a bit more and have 575 people registered, with 180 people on a wait list.”

Of the 575 registrants, 24 are local residents and 95 per cent are from Ontario, “with some folks coming from Germany, England, Quebec, Alberta and the United States,” Legge said.

Last year, the course was changed from linear to circular, and many racers call it one of the toughest courses in Ontario.

The trails are rocky, muddy, dry, up and downhill, flat, grassy, not grassy, everything you could imagine. Plus there are small sections of gravel roads that connect to the next trail.

“It’s very tough and has spectacular views,” Legge said. “They go around lakes, marshes and wetlands, and two sections go up to Lookout Point.”

The race has five different categories: 12K, 26K, 50K, 50 mile and the signature 100 miler. Each category has its own fee starting at \$50 for the 12K up to \$250 for the 100 milers with an early bird registration of \$200.

“In the past,” Legge said, “we’ve had runners as young as five, six, and seven years old running with their parents in the 12K.” She added, “About 20 to 25 per cent of the runners are over 50.”

The HFTR difference

“The HFTR is more than just a race,” Legge said. “People are here for the camaraderie, the atmosphere, and for the property itself. People run together, support each other, and cheer each other on. And if somebody is struggling on a por-



The Haliburton Forest Trail Race will return for the 29th year on Sept. 10 and 11. Close to 600 participants are registered with many more on a wait list. /FILE

tion of a trail, the runner that passes them will go to the next aid station and let them know to watch for them. They take care of each other. Our racers call it, The Haliburton Forest Family Reunion.”

Last year, Haliburton resident, Gord Darling, competed in the 50K for the first time. This year, he will be racing in the 50 miler. Once a wilderness professional, when his back gave out, he was no longer able to carry a backpack, run or canoe.

“The recommendations for this,” Darling said, “were – don’t run uphill and don’t get your heart rate way up so you’re maxed out. I had to unlearn a lot of what I learned about fitness and running.”

It was from reading the book, Born to Run, that Darling’s

problems began to resolve.

“In April, before last year’s race, I started walking 5K four or five days a week on my lunch break. And every time my breathing got a little bit laboured, I slowed down. My goal wasn’t about winning anything,” Darling said, “It was to be injury-free and go to work the next day.”

Today, he no longer has those problems and looks forward to his young son and daughter handing him water and snacks at a trail aid station and cheering him on at the finish line.

“It really is a family-friendly event,” Darling said. “It’s not competitive. People are there to have fun.”

The 100 miler

“They leave at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning and have until 3 p.m. on Sunday to complete the course,” Legge said. “They run all night, wearing headlamps. We have aid stations all through the forest that provide food, water, and electrolyte replenishment. About 60 volunteers help us for the whole weekend. Then, the racers have their crew, made up of family, friends, and coaches who are out on the course helping them with whatever they need. They also have pacers – at night in the dark, they’re allowed to bring a friend with them.”

Legge added, “The driving force for the 100 milers is to cross that finish line in the time allowed and get a big gold and black belt buckle with the HFTR logo on it.”

Prizes

This year, the race’s biggest sponsor is Canadian ultra marathon runner, Derrick Spafford’s company, Spafford Health & Adventure. There are \$700 worth of donated prizes, which include camp running vests, Kahtoola Winter Running ExoSpike and more.

“Our paddle shop also donated paddles as prizes,” Legge said. “Algonquin Outfitters typically does Haliburton Highlands Brew. The top contenders get a prize and then if we get enough prizes, more participants will receive a prize.”

Legge estimates that over the course of the weekend, approximately 1,000 people will be on site.

For race information visit www.haliburtonforest100.org/ and Haliburton Forest Trail Race on Facebook.

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A week of celebration

Auntie Plum told stories to a crowd at the Haliburton County Public Library in Minden on Thursday, Aug. 25. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Andrew Mansfield commenced the Pride flag raising ceremony on Monday, Aug. 22 by playing the bagpipes.



A crowd holding rainbow flags claps following Andrew Mansfield playing the bagpipes to begin the Minden Pride flag raising ceremony at the Minden Hills Municipal Office on Monday, Aug. 22.

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The raising of the Pride flag commenced the week-long Minden Pride festivities at the Township of Minden Hills.



The Minden Pride booth was set up at all Pride events throughout the week of Aug. 22 to Aug. 28. Minden Pride street festival on Saturday, Aug. 27.



Charlotte Hunter Price got her face painted during the Minden Pride street festival.



Crowds gathered to watch the Minden Pride river parade on the Gull River. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



The Viva Burlesque Ball at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre was a sold-out show on Friday, Aug. 26.

Love, death, and taxes

Join us at the Dominion Hotel in Minden on Sept. 7, starting at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of mostly original music by Lisa Ann Wright from Upstate New York. Wright said her music “is a commentary and reflection on current social and political upheavals in the United States, mixed with a little social commentary, a little snark and hopefully more than a little humanity.”

Wright is a singer/songwriter and one of 2022s Halls Island resident artists.

Halls Island is located on Koshlong Lake. The residency program invites annual applications from artists of all disciplines for an opportunity to find inspiration as they engage with nature and pursue their creative endeavours in this idyllic, off-grid setting. Accommodations and transportation to and from the island is provided at no charge. Successful artists are encouraged to do something to “give back” to the local community. This evening with Wright is her response to that encouragement – it promises to be both entertaining and informative.

Wright says, “I’m framing this performance around how I have coped with these last six or seven years of jaw-dropping inanity in the U.S. ... and also hopefully, in a way that is relatable, on how I am currently dealing with the social upheavals. I will talk and sing about how these events have affected

me personally as an American and as a citizen of this crazy world. This is serious stuff, but we have to live in the world, and sometimes just trying to see things in a fresh way does help.”

As a singer/songwriter Wright’s influences are many and varied: Country, folk, rock, indie, musical theatre and opera. “There is not a genre I am allergic to,” she proudly claims. More details can be found at www.lisawrightsongs.com.

There is no booking required for this evening. Admission is by donation to support the Halls Island Artist Residency. For more information about the residency, please go to www.hallsisland.ca.

Concert contact is Don Gage, the Halls Island Artist Residency co-chair 705-286-5085 or donaledge@gmail.com.

*Submitted by Halls Island
Artist Residency*

A view of Koshlong Lake from
Halls Island, which is the
setting for the Halls Island Artist
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Fast Lane Bowling is hosting their annual Bowl for Kids fundraiser in support of Childhood Cancer Canada on Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 3. /Submitted

Bowl to support kids facing cancer

Looking for a fun way to end the amazing summer we have all enjoyed? Fast Lane Bowling at 12281 Hwy 35 in Minden is hosting their 1st Annual Bowl for Kids in support of Childhood Cancer Canada on Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 3 from 12 to 9 p.m.

Childhood Cancer is a cause very close to the hearts of the Fast Lane family, after having family members lose a child and the loss of a dear friend of Ron's son, James in 2019.

It seemed that a fitting tribute was for the first big fundraiser to be organized by Ron and Debbie in support of Childhood Cancer Canada.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and the decision was made to have the fundraiser on Labour Day weekend in the hopes of the many cottagers in Minden being able to participate and increase the funds raised. Hoping to raise a minimum of \$1,000 to donate, Fast Lane

Bowling has planned a silent auction and has received some wonderful donations so far. The businesses in town have been very supportive. As well, Ron has offered to donate all lane and shoe rental proceeds during the fundraiser. No sponsorships or minimum donations are needed, just bring friends and family, and come have some fun! Childhood Cancer Canada has been very supportive and has even set up a donation website for those who want to help

but can't make it to the event. Go to onecause.com/bowlforkids and donate now until September 3rd.

And don't forget to take your picture at the alley with your hands on your hips, chest proud, and heads held high. Post it with the hashtag #HeroPoseChallenge, to help spread awareness.

Submitted by Deb Gerzymisch

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Canning Lake Property Owners’ Assoc. celebrates 60th anniversary



Members of the Canning Lake Property Owners Association gathered for the 60th anniversary celebration on Aug. 20. /Submitted by Leah Kearney


The Canning Lake Property Owners’ Association celebrated its 60th anniversary on Aug. 20 in the back room of the Dominion Hotel. Sixty-five attendees enjoyed an afternoon of food, prizes, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. The humid afternoon was cooled somewhat by a heavy rain that fell shortly after the event commenced.

Association President Paul Riddolls spoke of missing long-time cottagers who have passed away since the 50th anniversary celebration that was held in 2012. He also made mention of past presidents in attendance including Bob Taylor, Jim Mitchell and Dave Whalen. Several prizes were drawn for including a lovely charcuterie board made by Adam Bacik, (son of board member Helen Bacik), which was won by a delighted Susan

Mole. The fifty-fifty draw was won by Dave Whalen and totalled \$115.00. And a beautiful Canning Lake pillow was donated by Up River and the happy winner was again ... Dave Whalen.

Gift cards were donated by the Kaasalainen family and all of the winners of those were glad that they attended. The celebration was made possible by the hard work of the 60th anniversary committee which was comprised Anita Smith, Jan Rose, Warren Fick, Sharon Kaasalainen and Nancy Chorley.

Submitted by Paul and Jan Rose



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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Description of Lands:
1. Roll No. 46 21 001 000 24800 0000; Kushog Lake Road; PIN 39123-0245 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 2 STANHOPE AS IN H226264; S/T DEBTS IN H226264; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 20-02
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$17,900
Minimum tender amount: \$6,163.12

2. Roll No. 46 21 002 000 31700 0000; Providence Drive; PIN 39129-0146 (LT); PT LT 27 CON 4 STANHOPE PT 15 RD143, T/W H64759, S/T RIGHT IN H49561, S/T INTEREST IN H64759; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 20-07
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$18,700
Minimum tender amount: \$7,873.03

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:
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Sky drop

A person drops into the Gull River from the pedestrian bridge on Saturday afternoon on Aug. 20 in Minden. This area located by Water Street is a busy spot for boat and tube traffic and swimmers. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Time to fly

Local columnist and guide Steve Galea shows how to make a fly for fly fishing at the Pop-in/Pop-out workshop at the Stanhope Heritage Museum in Algonquin Highlands on Saturday, Aug. 19. Held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., this outdoor event is part of a series of offerings. /DARREN LUM Staff

A collection of flies are in the foreground with local columnist and guide Steve Galea at back.

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Local business owners inspire through their experiences

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

For two years, due to the pandemic, businesses have been hit hard causing challenging obstacles, financial losses, and stress. Some have struggled to recover, but others have found light amidst the darkness.

Tanya McCready and Hank DeBruin, the married duo of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, have faced the challenges of trying to run a business in the middle of the pandemic. The stress mounted.

Winterdance is a dogsledding tour company with 148 dogs and is based in Haliburton, Ontario. It operates primarily in the winter season. During the pandemic, because people weren't travelling, or even leaving their homes, there were no tours run. This ultimately started to affect the business financially.

"We lost two thirds of our season from lockdown. Then it became hard because we still had to care for these dogs and the expenses just don't go down whether the dogs take the customers dog sledding or not, their vet bills and food bills remain the same," McCready said.

McCready and DeBruin began to brainstorm ways they could overcome their business' losses.

"We looked at the worst-case scenario we could come up with [being shut down winter 2020/21] and started planning how we could

survive that, hoping we didn't have to. When it became a reality, we already had a plan well in play. Our second book was written and being releasing and Tanya was starting speaking. We also began to make virtual tours available," DeBruin said.

Though McCready and DeBruin had written two books and were offering virtual tours, it has been McCready's keynote presentations and public speaking offered online and in-person that has enhanced their business and lives.

"We decided that we needed to take this serious now and really buckle down to build this side of our business. It's taken our business to a whole new level because it allows us to reach so many more people than we could ever before," McCready said.

"Financially, it was a lifesaver in 2021, but now it is growing into a business of it's own and now allows us to share our incredible dogs and their stories with audiences globally and help impact corporations and teams as well," DeBruin said.

McCready is at the forefront of the public speaking while DeBruin defers. However, though he doesn't speak, he is very much a part of the presentation. The presentation gives audiences an understanding of how their business and experience can offer lessons in leadership, teamwork, overcoming obstacles.

"What Hank goes through with the races seems strange to relate to but when you start building and boiling it down, the concepts that work with a dog sled team, are also the

base leadership and teamwork skills to work with for any organization, whether it's dogs or people," McCready said.

DeBruin said he doesn't enjoy large crowds or public speaking, but the stories are more than just him.

"We built this business together; the races are a whole family and team effort even though it is me and the dogs on the trail. The stories from building our business and our races are about resilience, chasing big, crazy dreams and goals, in addition to leadership, teamwork and overcoming challenges when things are very overwhelming. Life lessons that many people can relate to even though the context is through our dogs and adventures," DeBruin said.

One of McCready's larger audiences was a presentation for Coca-Cola, which included 400 people, this past winter.

"It's incredibly rewarding to get to impact so many other people's lives in a different way. For years we've impacted people's lives when they came dogsledding with us and created incredible memories, but now it's a different way of impacting people's lives," McCready recalls.

Now, Winterdance Dogsled Tours, McCready and DeBruin are doing well. Their business is up and running again, more successful than it was before, and they're excited for what the future holds.

"Our goal right now is to have our speaking equal to our dogsled income so that regardless of what comes in future, we're never in that financial instability again," McCready said.

McCready's audiences have only positive words to say about her keynote presentations and their experiences listening to her. The

south Simcoe police had the opportunity to witness McCready's presentation virtually.

"I recently had the opportunity to have Tanya McCready of Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton present to our leadership team and share their amazing story of the journey they have undertaken. Their message of overcoming the many challenges they faced through teamwork, leadership and vision was incredibly inspiring and connected with our team in so many ways. I would definitely recommend them to others," read the Chief of Police's testimonial on [espeak-ers.com](https://www.espeak-ers.com).

DeBruin and McCready encourages business owners to persevere and use their fear of unknowns to push through.

"You can't stay stuck in fear, fear will freeze you and stop you from seeing potential solutions. Be creative and think outside the box about how you can find new opportunities, ask your biggest fans/customers/mentors for suggestions too. They may see something you simply can't," DeBruin said.

"I understand the fear and that it impacts every aspect of your life. They see keep your business separate from your personal life, but when you're living in fear of how you're going to survive, it's impossible. It can be really hard to see a way out of it when you're in fear, but it can be a motivator as well. You've got to open up and believe that there's an answer because once you believe there's an answer, there's incredible way that everything just seems to come together to give you that. Also, don't think you have to do everything on your own," McCready said.

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Answers on page 17



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VOTING DAY is Monday, October 24, 2022

Summer soccer comes to a close

Brey Woodward, 4, defends the net during Halibuton Grassroots Athletics youth soccer on Thursday, August 4.



Georgia Neilson prepares to shoot on the net during her soccer game.

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Pre-season drills

Red Hawks field hockey player Lara Gallant stickhandles at pre-season training with coach Steve Smith leading on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. These once a week summer sessions, which will be held until Aug. 31, are to introduce the game to Grade 9s and to enable current players a head start to the season. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Municipal government restructuring

Road report identifies few savings

by Jerry Grozelle

County council appears to have rejected the idea of one tier government.

A report submitted by municipal and county roads superintendents showed a total overall saving of only \$178,000 to be gained in a one tier system of municipal government. That figure didn't take into account the capital costs that would be incurred changing the system from 11 departments to one. The economic benefits of a one tier government appear to be overshadowed by the costs of implementation.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey said that one tier government has been rejected "in principle", although he refused to say that it was completely out of the question.

"Servicing is the big problem," Fearrey said. "We have a small population in a big area."

During the County Council discussion, Fearrey handed out a copy of an editorial from the *Peterborough Examiner* which outlined Northumberland County's proposal to streamline its operations.

Under Northumberland's plan: council size would be reduced to five to eight councillors through the implementation of a ward system, with one representative per ward, rather than the current system of two representatives for most municipalities; core services would be

restricted to supervision of road standards; the provision and maintenance of waste management services.

Other services which are mandated

by the province would be operated separately, under the scrutiny of a management board comprised of three to five county council members.

The County would act as a facilitator only, for the co-ordination of

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Annual Terry Fox run



FIRST OFF THE MARK: Beating the rush, these participants in the Minden Terry Fox Run were on hand for the start of the fund raiser shortly after 8 o'clock Sunday morning. There were many more to follow as young and old, cyclists, runners, walkers and children in strollers took part in the event. Preliminary figures showed that over 75 people took part. As of press time, just over \$4000 had been raised in Minden. A similar event was held in Haliburton Village. Final figures for the local efforts will be published in next week's edition

No easy task

Revamping county children's services

by Jerry Grozelle

"Needless to say, the meeting didn't go well," Eleanor Harrison reported to County Council at its regular meeting September 18.

Stanhope Deputy Reeve Harrison is Haliburton County Council's representative on the Family Services Board. She was reporting on a meeting September 12 between the board, Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) representatives and other stakeholders.

Lynn Bullard, area manager of the MCSS office was the first to speak at the September 12 meeting. Harrison said her comments were positive. Bullard stressed the government's position on restructuring and added that the Family Services Board met the criteria the government is looking for, which includes a single transfer agency and one governance body to provide with easier access for clients.

The next speaker at the meeting, Harrison said, was Bob Penny of the Children's Aid Society (CAS). He indi-

cated that the CAS is willing to work with the Family Services Board in any way possible to make it work.

"He also stressed the document each of the divesting agencies signed following Bark Lake was binding and should be adhered to," Harrison said. "The ministry representatives were not certain how binding that document actually was."

"From there, the meeting went down hill rather quickly," Harrison continued. "The other three divesting agencies, SIRCH, SAC and Kinark, felt that many circumstances had changed since Bark Lake (a reference to a conference five or six years ago) and divesting of services was no longer necessary. The agencies feel they are working much more closely with each other now and will continue to do so in the future."

Harrison qualified the last statement by adding that the closer relationship was directly attributed to the new Board.

"'Collaborative partnerships' with other agencies was a phrase that was thrown around quite a lot," Harrison

said.

She said that the divesting agencies were apprehensive about taking over Child Welfare, but now that the Board has been denied its request to administer Child Welfare, they seem to think there is no need to amalgamate.

"Fellow board members Lon (Duncombe), Frances (Adams) and myself tried to stress that Haliburton County may never be given this chance again," Harrison said. "A great deal of money had been spent getting this far."

"If the Task Force or some other group is sent in to study Family Services in this county, who knows what will happen?" she added. "If the Family Services Board continues, at least we would be the masters of our own destiny, so to speak."

"Our Board is very much afraid that Family Services in Haliburton County could be governed by a much larger board from a larger area, with very little local representation," Harrison continued, adding, "The representatives from the Ministry did not deny that this very thing could happen."

Harrison told council that the FSB is ready to hire an executive director who is experienced in child welfare, and is prepared to move forward as quickly as possible with amalgamation in the hope of retaining as much local input as possible.

"We had hoped to be operational by 1997 budget time," she said. "However, the divesting agencies are definitely not co-operating in this regard. A consensus could not be reached and the decision of what happens to the FSB is now in Lynn Bullard's hands."

"Lon, Frances and myself were devastated, as were most of our Board members. The agencies who created us are now having second thoughts as to why we exist."

Harrison said that the agencies seem to be working toward an "enhanced status quo."

She wondered if such an enhanced status quo would meet the ministry's criteria for delivery of Family Services in Haliburton County and if it would meet the community and client needs in the future.

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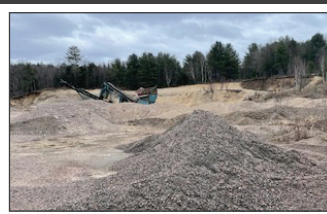
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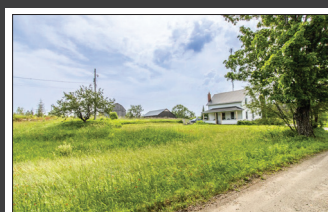
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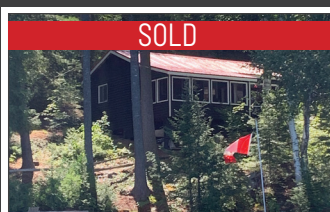
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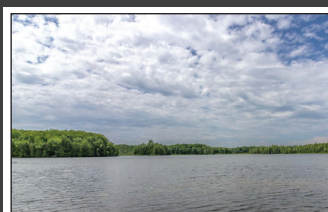
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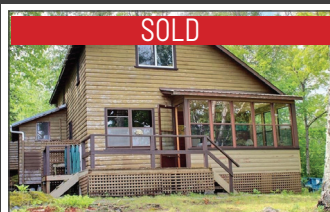
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